

Montana Department of Agriculture
Noxious Weed Trust Fund
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1. Primary areas of noxious weed program expenditures:

- Grants
- Noxious Weed Management Advisory Council costs
- Program costs include:
 - Assisting with grant applications, contracts and management of grants, environmental compliance, and monitoring and evaluating awarded grants.
 - Project/program management associated with aquatic invasive species, weed seed free forage, and statewide weed education coordination
- Administrative costs (In Fiscal Year 2012, administrative expenses equaled 8.7% well below the cap of 12%)

2. Reduction in Funding

- a. USDA Forest Services funding has been as high as \$2.1 million in FY 2002 and was reduced to \$665,000 in FY 2012 and further reduced in FY 2013 to \$282,000. We anticipate further funding reductions in the future.
- b. Weed vehicle fees were \$1.861 million in FY 2009 and are estimated to be \$1.396 million this fiscal year.
- c. The interest off the Noxious Weed Trust Fund has remained stable at approximately \$500,000 for the last several years.

3. Reduction in Department Expenditures

- a. The department's personal services was reduced from \$289,000 in FY 2010 to \$186,000 in FY 2011 and \$185,000 in FY 2012
- b. The department's operating has decreased from \$243,000 in FY 2010 to \$127,000 in FY 2011 and \$111,000 in FY 2012.